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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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The following is a Request for Certificate of Correction in Serial Number 09/901,275, now U.S. Patent Number 7,565,626.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice, which implement 35 USC 254, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to issue a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent.

In light of the fact that the errors were the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, no fees are required. The requested corrections are listed on FORM P.T.O. 1050.

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It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Cover page, item (73) Assignee, change "Sony Deutschalnd GmbH, Cologne (DE)" to --
Sony Deutschland GmbH, Cologne (DE);

Cover page, item (30), change "(DE)" to --(EPO)--; and change "00114792" to
--00114792.5--;

Cover page, below Abstract paragraph, change "15 Claims, 9 Drawing Sheets" to
--22 Claims, 9 Drawing Sheets--;

Column 16, Claim 1, line 26, insert --simultaneously-- in front of the word "displaying";
line 53, delete "." and insert --; and--;
line 54, insert --receiving a user selection resulting from a dragging of one of the displayed icons of the plurality of services provided by a corresponding network device and a dropping of the icon on an icon of another network device to perform the service corresponding to the dragged and dropped icon on the another network device.--;

Column 17, Claim 8, line 5, delete "vi" and insert --via--;
line 8, insert "simultaneously" in front of the word --displaying--;
line 12, insert "grouped" in front of the word --according--;
line 35, delete "." and insert --; and--;
line 36, insert --means for receiving a user selection resulting from a dragging of one of the displayed icons of the plurality of services provided by a corresponding network device and a dropping of the icon on an icon of another network device to perform the service corresponding to the dragged and dropped icon on the another network device.--;

Column 18, Claim 15, line 14, insert --storage-- in front of the word "medium";
line 16, insert --simultaneously-- in front of the word "displaying";
line 44, delete "."-- and insert --; and--;
line 45, insert --receive a user selection resulting from a dragging of one of the displayed icons of the plurality of services provided by a corresponding network device and a dropping of the icon on an icon of another network device to perform the service corresponding to the dragged and dropped icon on the another network device.--;

After Claim 15, please add Claims 16-22 that were omitted from the Letters Patent:

--Claim 16 A method for providing a man-machine interface for controlling network devices via a home network, the network devices being connected to said

home network via different protocol standards, comprising:
simultaneously displaying generated icons of the network devices having a plurality of functions regarding a reproducing and/or recording of an audio/video signal, icons of a plurality of services provided by each device grouped according to the type of services provided, and menus including the functions which are operable with/by the associated network device/service; at least partially displaying the generated icons with a hierarchical structure so as to show a relationship of network connections of the network devices in the home network;
receiving a selection of a network device or service by a user selecting one of the displayed icons;
selectively displaying the menu of a selected network device or service, the menu including the functions which are operable with the selected network device/service;
receiving a selection of a function in the selectively displayed menu;
controlling the network device or service to execute the selected function based on a respective one of the protocol standards, wherein the execution of the selected function results in a data stream of an audio/video signal stored in a providing network device being sent from the providing network device to the selected network device or to a device capable of receiving said data stream via the home network; and
receiving a user selection resulting from a dragging of one of the displayed icons of the plurality of services provided by corresponding network device and a dropping of the icon on an icon of another network device to perform the service corresponding to the dragged and dropped icon on the another network device.-;

- Claim 17 The method according to claim 16, wherein said network devices include all compatible devices that are connected to the home network--;
- Claim 18 The method according to claim 16, wherein said home network, further includes one or more sub-networks integrated into said home network via a bridge.--;
- Claim 19 The method according to claim 18, wherein at least partially displaying the icons with a hierarchical structure further includes organizing the icons according to the kind of sub-networks connected to said network.--;
- Claim 20 The method according to claim 16, wherein the selected function in the displayed menu is a "send to" function.--;
- Claim 21 The method according to claim 16, further comprising selecting a providing network device.--;
- Claim 22 The method according to claim 21, further comprising selecting an audio/video signal stored on the selected providing network device.--.

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